

Appl. No. 10 020,695
Amtd. dated October 30, 2003
Reply to Office Action of August 11, 2003

BEST AVAILABLE COPY**REMARKS**

In response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration based on the above claim amendment and the following remarks. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-3 are pending in the present application. Claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice and claim 3 has been amended. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claim 1 is allowed.

Specification Objections:

The disclosure was objected to because it contains an embedded hyperlink and/or other form of browser-executable code. The specification has been amended to delete the embedded hyperlink, for example, (GenBank=http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov), on page 11, line 2.

Further, the disclosure was objected because it does not comply with the requirement as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.821-1.825. The specification has been amended to insert the figure legend "SEQ ID. No. 2" in lines 13 of page 6.

Withdrawal of the specification objections is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

Since claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice, the rejection of claim 2 is moot.

Claim 3 was objected for being dependent on rejected claim 2. Claim 3 is rewritten in independent claim. Thus, claim 3 is believed to be allowable.

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Conclusion

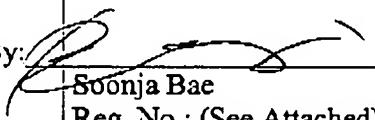
In view of the forgoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Early notification to this effect is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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